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Title: APPARATUS FOR OPERATING COMMODITY TRAILER HOPPER TRAP DOORS

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

Application Elements:

- ☒ Application transmittal containing Fee Calculation and Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail".
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the application filing fee.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
- ☒ Application Cover Sheet, Specification, Claims (1-16) and Abstract of the Disclosure (15 total pages).
- ☒ Original drawings (Figures 1-4, 4 total sheets).
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 document) (2 total pages).
- ☒ Newly-executed original.
- ☐ Copy[ies] from a prior application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Patent Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment ([] total pages).
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$[40.00] to cover the Assignment recordation filing fee.
- ☐ The prior application is Assigned of record to [*] and was recorded on [date] at Reel [*]/Frame [*] ([#] pages).

Documents reflecting change in Power of Attorney/Correspondence Address.

- ☐ [Revocation of] Power of Attorney [and Appointment of New Power of Attorney] [by Assignee]. [Change of Correspondence Address -Application (PTO/SB/122).]
- ☐ Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) (where there is an Assignee).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO/SB/08A (PTO-1449).

Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" (37 C.F.R. 1.10)

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- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently in the prior application ([] total pages).
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment ([] total pages).
- ☐ Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) ([] total pages).
- ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Post Card.
- ☐ Certified copy of priority document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
- ☐ Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☐ Other: _____

Fee Calculation:

	Filed		Extra		Rate		Calculations
Basic Fee							\$770
Total Claims	16	- 20	= 0	x	\$18	=	0
Independent Claims	3	- 3	= 0	x	\$86	=	0
Multiple Dependent Claims (one time fee)			0	x	\$290	=	0
Total Fee:							\$770
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fee Reduction of 50%:							\$385.00

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53(a), Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of FEBRUARY 4, 2009, the date upon which the Application was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Acknowledgment of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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